

PROPOSALS

R London For establishing a

SOCIETY

OF

Mutual Contributors,

For raising and enlarging Provisions for Children, born in lawful Marriage; calculated for the Ease and Support of those who have, or may have large and numerous Families, and for the general Benefit of the Contributors.

I. **T**HAT (for the Conveniency of all Persons) the Contributors be divided into six distinct Classes; Six Classes. into all or any of which may be enter'd any Number of Persons not exceeding Two Thousand, who by paying the Contributions of that Class, wherein they are enter'd, will be entitled to a share of the Dividends thereof, either on the Birth of their own Children, or on the Birth of the Child or Children of any Woman whom they shall nominate.

II. That the Contributions in each Class be as follows, viz. The quarterly Contributions, according to the different Circumstances of the Contributors,

In the first 2 s. 6 d.	in the second 5 s.	in the third 10 s.	in the fourth 20 s.	in the fifth 30 s.	and in the sixth 40 s.
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to be paid quarterly on every Christmas-day, Lady-day, Midsummer-day and Michaelmas-day, or within forty Days after, until the Birth of the Child, on which a Claim is to be made. The first quarters Contribution to be paid at Entrance; together with 1 s. and 6 d. for Certificate and Entrance; if in the first Class; 2 s. 6 d. if in the second, 3 s. 6 d. if in the third, 4 s. 6 d. if in the fourth, 5 s. 6 d. if in the fifth, and 6 s. 6 d. if in the sixth; so that every one chusing what Class to enter in, proportions his Charge to his Condition, or as he thinks fit.

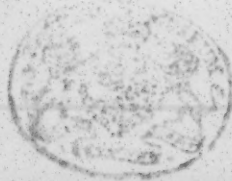
2 s. 6 d.	in the 1st Class
5 0	in the 2d.
10 0	in the 3d.
20 0	in the 4th.
30 0	in the 5th.
40 0	in the 6th.

Entrance Money,

1 s. 6 d.	in the 1st Class
2 6	in the 2d.
3 6	in the 3d.
4 6	in the 4th.
5 6	in the 5th.
6 6	in the 6th.

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III. That



Dividends every *Michaelmas* and *Lady-day*.

Money distributed 20 Days after.

In Proportion to the time of Contribution.

Benefit of early Entrance

First Dividend at *Michaelmas* 1711.

III. That every *Michaelmas-day* and *Lady-day* a Dividend shall be made for each Class, of all the Contributions paid in the preceding Half-year, which shall (within twenty Days after) be equally distributed among the several Claimants in Proportion to the Time they have been Contributors, *viz.* to those who have been Contributors two Years, twice as much as to those who have contributed only one Year; which is a considerable Encouragement to become Members, ev'n before Marriage, or a prospect of Children (the Profit encreasing as the Time is prolong'd) and the rather to prevent being excluded the Benefit of this Undertaking, by being enter'd on by others, or by the Classes being full. The first Dividend to be made at *Michaelmas* 1711, of all the Contributions paid in to that Time.

Those who enter before the 1st of *February* may claim in twenty four Weeks.

Before the 1st of *March* in twenty eight Weeks.

Before the 1st of *April* in 32 Weeks.

None after the 1st of *April* in less than 36 Weeks.

Child to live 27 Days.

IV. That all Persons enter'd before the 1st of *February* 1710, may have a Claim for any Child, born after twenty four Weeks from the Day of their Entrance and not sooner. Those who enter after the said 1st Day of *February*, and before the 1st Day of *March* following, may claim for any Child born after twenty eight Weeks, from the Day of Entrance. Those who enter after the 1st Day of *March*, and before the 1st Day of *April* following, may claim for any Child born after thirty two Weeks. And that none entering after the said 1st Day of *April*, have any Claim on account of any Child born within thirty six Weeks from the Date of their Certificate; nor may any claim on account of any Child that shall not live full twenty seven Days after its Birth.

No loss by Birth of Child before the time, nor its Death before 27 Days old.

But a larger Share by continuing the Contribution untill the next Child.

V. That in case of the Birth of any Child within the limited Time, and in case of Miscarriage, or the Death of any Child before it has liv'd full twenty seven Days. The Contributor, whose Title depends on such Child, receives no Loss thereby, but by continuing to pay the quarterly Contributions, until another Child shall be born of the same Woman, that shall live twenty seven Days from its Birth, will then be entitled to a larger Share in Proportion to the Time of his Contribution, according to the Third Article, as fully as if no Child had interven'd, or Miscarriage, or Death had happen'd.

Notice in writing of Birth.

Proof to be made 7 Days before the Dividend.

VI. That Notice be given in Writing, at the Office of the Birth of the Child, on which any Claim is to be made, with the Place where, and Time when such Child was born, and due Proof made that such Child was alive full twenty seven Days after its Birth, either by Certificate under the Hands of Three credible Witnesses, or by Oath, or Affirmation of the Mother or Midwife, or such other Proof as shall be allow'd by the Court of Trustees and Directors. Which Notice must be given, and Proof made, at least seven Days before the Dividend-Days, *viz.* *Michaelmas-day* and *Lady-day*.

VII.

VII. That every Claimant neglecting to make good his Claim seven Days before the Dividend-day next after such Claim, may have a share of the Dividend next following. But if the Claim be not then made good, such Claimant shall be excluded all Benefits, and his or her Share, shall be divided among the other Claimants.

Claimant neglecting to make good his Claim, one Dividend may do it the next or be excluded.

VIII. That in case it shall happen that there be two or more Children at a Birth, it shall be taken as one Claim and no more; and either of those Children living twenty seven Days is sufficient.

In case of two Children at one Birth, either living 27 Days is enough.

IX. That towards the Charge of the Office, every Member pay as many Two Pences *per* Quarter as they pay half Crowns, and one Shilling in the Pound be deducted out of all Claims, six-pence whereof shall be reserv'd intire, and put out to the best Advantage for the Benefit of future Claimants.

For the Charges of the Office. Two Pence *per* Quarter. One Shilling out of Claims.

X. That no Member shall have any advantage on the Birth of any Child proved illegitimate, or not born in lawful Marriage; and those who do not pay their Quarteridge within forty Days after every Quarter-day, lose all Right to any Claim, and their Certificates become void.

No Claim on a Child Illegitimate. Forfeiture if Quarteridge not paid in 40 Days after Quarter-day.

XI. That this Undertaking may be perpetuated, the Number of Contributors preserv'd, and the Advantage secur'd to those who claim at distant Times, every Member of each Class at the time of receiving a Claim, shall enter or be enter'd again in the same Class or Classes, or cause some other Person or Persons to be enter'd in their room, or else one quarters Contribution, together with Entrance-money be deducted out of their Claims, in order to fill up the Vacancy which the *Directors* will see done.

Receivers of Claims to enter again or leave Money for doing thereof.

Directors to see it done.

XII. That three *Trustees* be chosen out of the *Contributors* as soon as there shall be twenty, and six *Trustees* more, as soon as there be one hundred *Contributors*; and afterwards nine *Trustees* shall be yearly chosen out of the *Contributors* by a Majority in a *General Court*, on every *Midsummer-day*; which *Trustees*, or the Majority of them together, with the three *Directors*, or a Majority of them, shall have Power to hold a Court as often as occasion shall require to take care of the secure Application of the Money, and the just Management of the whole Undertaking, and shall have Power to determine all Matters concerning *Dividends*, *Claims*, and *Proofs*, and all Difference any ways relating thereto, and also to alter, add, or diminish any Article or Clause of these Proposals, provided it be done without Prejudice to any the *Contributors*.

Trustees to be chosen.

Nine yearly on every *Midsummer-Day*.

That the Undertakers have Power to constitute Directors, and to employ such Persons in the executing the Office as they think fit.

N. B.

Security given to
Trustees.

N. B. That this Undertaking being set up by Persons of Substance and Reputation in the City, who have for its greater Encouragement prepared to be delivered to the Trustees sufficient Security for the exact Performance of all the Articles of these Proposals on their Parts. All Persons may contribute with Safety, and depend on all the Justice and fair Dealing that can be desired.

Advantages of this
Undertaking.

The Advantages hereof are so many and so plain, that it can need very little Recommendation. The excellent Use and Convenience it affords to most Families. The favourable Opportunity it gives, of doing good to the poorer sort, who are often distressed with the Burthen of Children; and the Benefits it acquires to every particular Member can never let it want Encouragement: Besides, it is founded on such a Basis as must needs procure its Encrease and Duration: Care being taken that the Number of Claimants shall not diminish the Number of Contributors; and that the Members shall not be loaded with more Charge than was expected, nor tired out by continual Claims as in other Societies. Each Party here chuses his Charge, and knows his time of Payment without being daily dunned by Messengers. And as every Dividend (if the Classes be full) will amount, In the first Class to 500 l. in the second to 1000 l. in the third to 2000 l. in the fourth to 4000 l. in the fifth to 6000 l. and in the sixth to 8000 l. and there will be many Contributors, who by Accidents or otherwise, never will be Claimants, and others who claim at more distant Times the Profit must be very considerable.

Attendance is daily given, from 10 in the Morning to 1, and from 4 in the Afternoon to 7. At the Society's Office in Ironmonger-Lane, near Cheap-side; Where Proposals are given gratis.

Where is also kept an Office for raising Advantages for faithful Servants.



